

WI-476
John A. Kuhn House
Salisbury
Private

1928-29

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John A. Kuhn moved to Salisbury in 1923 with a plan to acquire the Fisher Jewelry store, a long-time fixture in the central business district. (See WI-147)

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-476

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic John A. Kuhn House

other

2. Location

street and number 900 Camden Avenue

not for publication

city, town Salisbury

vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Merrill W. Tilghman, Jr. and Barrie Parsons Tilghman

street and number 900 Camden Avenue

telephone

city, town Salisbury

state MD

zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court

tax map and parcel Map 114, P. 1205

city, town Salisbury, Maryland

liber 1151

folio 545

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☒ **Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture		
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	2	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		x domestic		structures
object		education		objects
		funerary	2	Total
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John A. Kuhn house is located at 900 Camden Avenue in the southern residential district known as Camden in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, five-bay Colonial Revival frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1928, the two-story, five-bay, center hall brick house is supported on a low brick foundation and the exterior is clad with painted wood shingles. The main block is covered by a medium sloped asphalt shingle roof. Located off the southwest corner of the house is a contemporaneous single-story frame garage.

The east (main) facade is a symmetrical five-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking windows. The long multi-pane windows are flanked by louvered shutters. The raised-panel front door is framed by sidelights, and the entire bay is sheltered by a neoclassical portico with fluted square columns rising to a classical entablature. The flat roof is trimmed with a square post balustrade. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows flanked by shutters that are partially paneled and partially louvered. Candlestick cut-outs distinguish the raised panel of each shutter. The base of the roof is trimmed with a Colonial Revival cornice.

The south gable end of the main block is covered on the first floor by an enclosed single-story porch fitted with a square post rooftop balustrade. Rising in the center of the gable end is an exterior/interior brick chimney that pierces the pediment gable end. Six-over-six sash windows light the second floor, and each opening is flanked by louvered shutters. The gable end is marked by quarter round windows fitted with radiating muntins.

The north gable end includes a single-story enclosed porch that also features a square post balustrade. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, and the pediment end is distinguished by a Palladian window.

Attached to the west (rear) wall is a two-story service wing.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts	
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy	
1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government	
x1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion	
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science	
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history	
	community planning		maritime history	transportation	
	conservation		military	other:	
Significance dates		Architect			
Specific dates	1928-29	Builder	J. Woolford Johnson, Designer and Builder		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 155/487, 2 July 1928.

² Personal conversation with Ann Kuhn Purnell, May 30, 2000.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: Dwelling

Historic Environment: Residential Neighborhood

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032
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John A. Kuhn House
900 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Map 114, Parcel 1205

1151/545 Ann Kuhn Purnell

to

7/29/1988 Merrill W. Tilghman, Jr.
Barrie Parsons Tilghman

JWTS 589/286 Hannah M. Kuhn, widow

to

7/1/1964 Ann Kuhn Purnell

Item One
IDT 155/487 Rosa W. Todd
George W. Todd

to

7/2/1928 John A. Kuhn
Hannah M. Kuhn
Lot No. 98 on a plat on the William T. Banks land

Item Two: S. Norman Holland and Grace T. Holland to
John H. Kuhn and Hannah M. Kuhn, Lot No. 99,
JWTS 335/139 9/19/1951

"HUSTLING...HOSPITABLE SALISBURY"

CHURCH SERVICES

BETHESDA M. P. CHURCH

Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Service 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P.M.

REV. WM. H. LITZINGER, Pastor

Visitors to the city are cordially invited to attend these services.

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES

First and Third Sundays, 8 o'clock Mass
Other Sundays 8 and 10:30 Mass
Ocean City—Summer Months Only

8:30 A. M. Mass
10:00 A. M. Mass

REV. EDWARD A. DOUGHERTY.

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Regular Services

Sundays

8:00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

9:45 A. M.—Church School.

11:00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon; Holy Communion and Sermon on the first Sunday of each month, and on all high festivals.

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Week-Days

10:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on all Holy Days.

Other Services as Announced.

St. Peter's Church, located at the corner of St. Peter's and West Church streets, a few steps from the business center of the city, is always open for prayer and meditation. The pews are free, and strangers are cordially invited to participate in all the services of public worship.

The Parish House, on St. Peter's street, connected with the Church and fully equipped for social and athletic purposes, was dedicated to community service as well as parish use.

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Sunday School 9:45

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Strangers and visitors cordially welcomed.

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Sunday School 9:45

Preaching—evening service only... 7:30

REV. R. P. EDWARDS, Pastor.

WICOMICO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School—9:45.

Morning Worsship—11:00.

Evening Worship—7:30

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REV. THOMAS A. WILLIAMS, Pastor

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Sunday School 9:45

Morning Service 11:00

Evening Service 7:30

In his name we extend to every visitor a cordial welcome.

REV. SAMUEL McWILLIAMS, Pastor.

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45

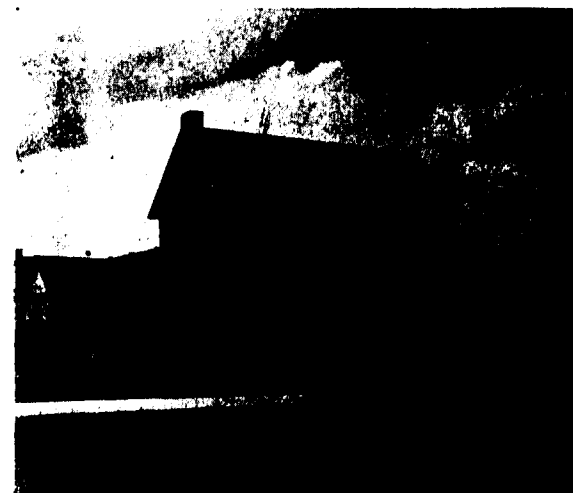
Morning Service 11:00

Evening Service 7:30

In fellowship and friendliness we cordially invite all visitors to the city to come and join with us in a simple unobtrusive service.

REV. JOHN W. RUSTIN, Pastor.

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Residence of JOHN A. KUHN, Camden Avenue
J. Woolford Johnson, Designer and Builder



Residence of JUDGE JOSEPH L. BAILEY, Camden Avenue

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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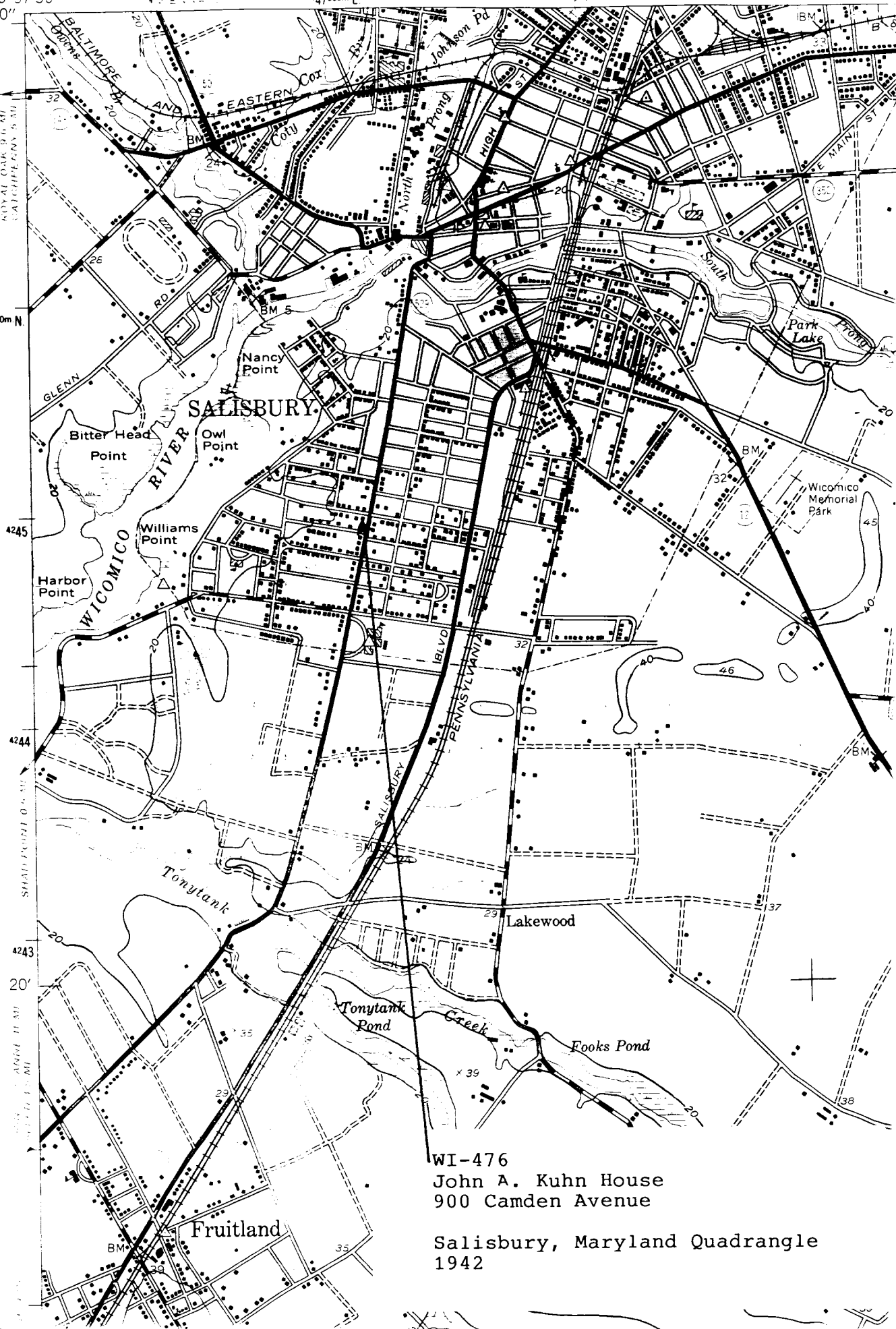
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John A. Kuhn House
900 Camden Avenue

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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